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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why Mr. Mahabala Hegde was appointed having regard to the fact that he is already President of the District Board and the Public Prosecutor? When he has so many other duties which he has to carry on—very burdensome duties—why was he re-nominated for a third time? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the simple reason that Mr. Hegde's presence will be useful."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is he able to attend the meetings regularly as a rule? I am not aware whether he is able to attend the meetings regularly generally because he is burdened with other responsible duties."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is making a speech."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it not a fact that his services could be availed of only by his presence and not by his frequent absence from meetings? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is really calling for an opinion."

*Electric lights for Trichinopoly town.*

\* 1309 Q.—K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Trichinopoly municipality has made arrangements to replace kerosene lights in the town by electric lights; and

(b) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) & (b) The question is under the consideration of the Municipal Council.

**Village Panchayats**

*Action taken on resolutions passed at Panchayat Conferences.*

\* 1310 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received copies of resolutions passed at the various Panchayat Conferences;

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the action that has been or is proposed to be taken in regard to each point raised in the resolutions;

(c) whether a Bill to amend the Madras Panchayat Act, 1920, was published in 1924;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, why the Bill was dropped; and

(e) whether it is the intention of the Government to invest the village panchayats with the work of the present forest panchayats and also the duties in regard to irrigation under tanks, etc.?

A.—(a) The Government received copies of the resolutions passed at the Conferences held at Nattarampalli, Anantapur, Peralam and Tiruttangal in the years 1924 and 1925,